

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please enter the abstract, as attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 9-11 as follows.

Kindly add new claims 14-17 as follows.

Kindly replace claim 9 with the following amended claim 9:

9. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein dried playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (*Panax ginseng*) and peach kernel (*persicae semen*) are crushed to a size which would not enable them to infiltrate through a cigarette filter.

The changes in the above claim are indicated by brackets for deletions and underlining for insertions as follows:

9. A process according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein dried playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (*Panax ginseng*) and peach kernel (*persicae semen*) are crushed to a size which would not enable them to infiltrate through a cigarette filter.

Kindly replace claim 10 with the following amended claim 10:

10. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein dried playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (*Panax ginseng*) and peach kernel (*perisicae semen*) are crushed to a size of 100-130 meshes.

The changes in the above claim are indicated by brackets for deletions and underlining for insertions as follows:

10. A process according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein dried playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (*Panax ginseng*) and peach kernel (*perisicae semen*) are crushed to a size of 100-130 meshes.

Kindly replace claim 11 with the following amended claim 11:

11. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (*Panax ginseng*) and peach kernel (*persicae semen*) and eum-yang-kwak (dried leaves of *epimedii* herbal tea (*Epimedium koreanum*)) are dried in the shade.

The changes in the above claim are indicated by brackets for deletions and underlining for insertions as follows:

11. A process according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (*Panax ginseng*) and peach kernel (*persicae semen*) and eum-yang-kwak (dried leaves of *epimedii* herbal tea (*Epimedium koreanum*)) are dried in the shade.

Kindly add new claims 14-17 as follows.

14. (Added) A process according to claim 2, wherein dried playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (Panax ginseng) and peach kernel (persicae semen) are crushed to a size which would not enable them to infiltrate through a cigarette filter.

15. (Added) A process according to claim 2, wherein dried playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (Panax ginseng) and peach kernel (persicae semen) are crushed to a size of 100-130 meshes.

16. (Added) A process according to claim 2, wherein playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (Panax ginseng) and peach kernel (persicae semen) and eum-yang-kwak (dried leaves of epimedii herbal tea (*Epimedium koreanum*)) are dried in the shade.

17. (Added) A process according to claim 16, wherein playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (Panax ginseng) and peach kernel (persicae semen) and eum-yang-kwak (dried leaves of epimedii herbal tea (*Epimedium koreanum*)) are dried to the water content of playcodi radix (broad bellflower) is 6-10%, ginseng radix (Panax ginseng) 10-14%, peach kernel (persicae semen) 6-10% and eum-yang-kwak (dried leaves of epimedii herbal tea (*Epimedium koreanum*)) 3-7.

REMARKS

The above amendments were made to remove the multiple dependency of the claims. No new matter is added by way of the instant amendments to the claims. The undersigned attorney awaits favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

A method for the preparation of tobacco, specifically a method for the preparation of tobacco having reduced contents of nicotine and tar by adding playcodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (Panax ginseng) and peach kernel (persicae semen) or Eum-Yang-Kwak (dried leaves of epimedii herbal tea (Epimedium koreanum)) into tobacco leaves which have been cut into a specified size to reduce the toxicity of tobacco, to remove the nicotine and tar contained in the tobacco and to improve the fragrance of tobacco, by which an improvement of health can be achieved by smoking the tobacco.